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Palm Sunday

14th April 2019

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord

Mass Times

- 13th Sat Feria**
 9.30
 10.00 Confessions
 17.00 Stations of the Cross
 17.30 Kevin Greene +
- 14th Sun Palm Sunday**
 10.00 Neil Lennon +
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*
- 15th Mon Monday of Holy Week**
 9.30 John Birkett +
- 16th Tue Tuesday of Holy Week**
 9.30 Holy Souls
 13.00 Requiem Mass for Anne McCabe
- 17th Wed Wednesday of Holy Week**
 9.30 Antonia Cafaro Rebecchini +
 11.15 Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral
 19.00 Reconciliation Service at St Mary Magdalen, East Hill
- 18th Thu Maundy Thursday**
 19.00 Mass of the Last Supper
- 19th Fri Good Friday**
 10.00 Children's Stations of the Cross
 15.00 Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 20th Sat Holy Saturday**
 10.00 Confessions
 20.00 Easter Vigil
- 21st Sun Easter Sunday**
 10.00 Mary Poynter Private Intention
 15.00 (Royal Hospital) *People of the Parish*

Confessions:

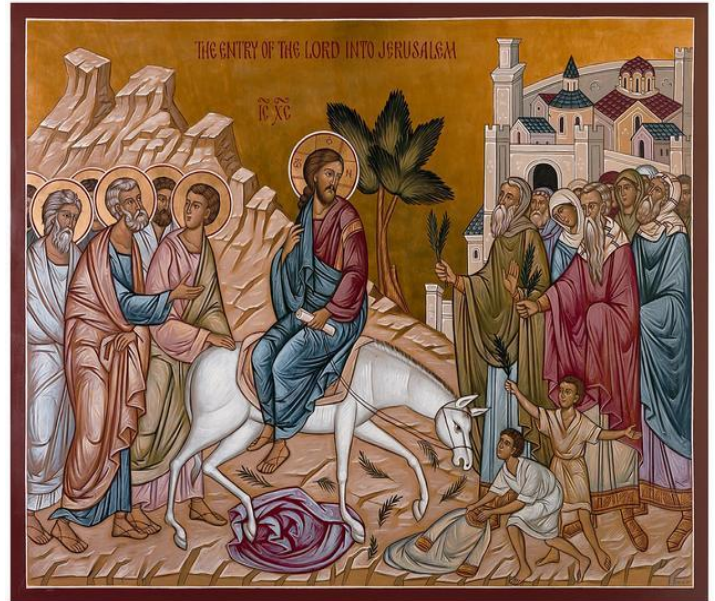
Saturday 10.15-11.00 and at call

Sunday Readings: Year C **Weekday Readings:** Year 1
Cycle of Prayer, Lent:

Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Women's World Day of Prayer, Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Next Week's Liturgy Group: John

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest



Jesus enters Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday and we recall Christ's entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey with the common people out waving Palms and crying out 'Hosanna in the Highest.'

To onlookers this would not have seemed a very auspicious occasion and yet we know that it marked the moment Saviour of the World took possession of his holy city. It was his solemn entry into Jerusalem immediately prior to the working out of the great events which brought about our salvation.

So despite the fact that it was a very low key incident, which was surely overlooked by the social and religious elite, it was actually an occasion of great significance.

This reminds us that we too often overlook what could be highly significant events. We prefer to notice the grand occasions and would rather see the big picture and we fail to take notice of what might appear to us to be rather insignificant events. And yet the lesson of today is that it is often the insignificant things which are the most important of all.

This is one of the lessons given to us by St Theresa of Lisieux. She told us to concentrate on getting the tiniest of things right because according to her they were the most important of all.

According to St Theresa the passing of salt at the table could be a great act of charity because it would mean that we were totally focussed on the needs of others.

So let us open our eyes to notice the significance of the insignificant and remember that it is the least important of our actions than can raise us up in the eyes of God.

Fr Alex



Childrens Stations of the Cross

At 10.00 on Good Friday we will be having Children’s Stations of the Cross. The children may wish to dress up as Roman Soldiers, Mary, Simon of Cyrene, High Priests, Pontius Pilate, etc. Please encourage them.

**No pain, no palm;
no thorns, no throne;
no gall, no glory;
no cross, no crown**

William Penn

Quiz Night

There will be a Quiz Night on 18th May at 19.30. Tickets available from 27th April for £7.50. Bar, refreshments and raffle. Good quality prizes needed.

Easter Offerings

Please remember that your Easter Offering is your personal offering to the priest and it forms a significant part of his annual income. Thank you for your kindness today and throughout the year. Envelopes are attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

Easter Preparations

Please join us to get the Church ready for Easter on Holy Saturday at 10.00. Hot Cross buns provided.

Easter Monday

Please note that the mass on Easter Monday will be at 12.00.

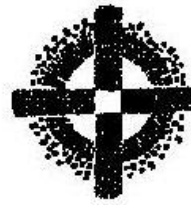
Walk of Witness

The Walk of Witness will start at East Hill Baptist Church at 12.00 on Good Friday.

**Palm Sunday tells us that
it is the Cross that is the true tree of life**

Forthcoming Dates

Penitential Service (East Hill)17th April
Confirmation.....28th April
First Communion..... 12th May



Penitential Service

There will be a joint Penitential Service for Lent held together with East Hill Parish at St Mary Magdalen Church at 19.00 on Wednesday of Holy Week, 17th April. There will be several priests available for individual confession.

Easter Duties

Easter Duties which are obligatory for all Catholics who have made their First Communion means going to Confession and receiving Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. These requirements are not onerous so please do your best to fulfil your Easter Duties.

Funerals

There will be a Requiem Mass for Anne McCabe on Tuesday 16th April at 13.00 followed by Cremation at Putney Vale. 9.30 mass as usual.

The funeral of Weronika Subocz will take place on Monday 29th April and mass will be at 12.30 on that day. There will be no mass at 9.30.

Easter Ceremonies

Please sign up for duties as reader or Eucharistic Minister for the Easter Triduum. List at the back of the Church.

**A happy person is not
a person in a certain set of
circumstances,
but rather a person
with a certain set of attitudes**

Last Week’s Finances

Parish Collection £ 464 Bankers Orders £384

Upcoming Second Collections

Holy Places, Good Friday; Cathedral, 28th April

Rotas

Sunday Welcome & Coffee: L Northeast

M Ascensao n/w A Oliva, E Falcone

Readers: Sat: E & N Falcone, E De Souza, Sun: G Donaldson, L Brown, L Northeast n/w Sat: N Nolan, S Vas, E De Souza Sun: T Brown, A Harris, A Stacey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat: E Falcone, D McGavin, C. Kawesi Sun: D Lyons, L Delos Santos, E Sinclair J Cato n/w Sat: J Cato, D McGavin, C Kawesi Sun: A Nobis, R Nwodo, P Fahy, R McMullan

Flowers: V Barkho n/w A. Oliva

Royal Hospital: A. Vanotti, M Lewis n/w A Robbin

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 13th April
11th May